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TAGS: PFOR, CB

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MES-  
SAGE FROM PRESIDENT LON NOL

REF: PHNOM PENH 13625

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT  
FORD TO PRESIDENT LON NOL:

QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU\*FOR YOUR EXCELLENCY'S CONGRATULATIONS ON MY AS-  
SUMPTION OF THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT. YOU MAY BE SURE  
THAT I WILL CONTINUE MY CLOSE INTEREST IN THE STRUGGLE OF  
YOUR PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL POLITICAL SOLUTION TO  
THE TRAGIC CONFLICT IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC. I WILL CONTINUE  
ALSO TO ENDORSE THE MATERIAL SUPPORT WE ARE FURNISHING YOUR  
GOVERNMENT TO DEFEND ITSELF. (PARA) I APPRECIATE THE KIND  
WISHES OF THE KHMER PEOPLE FOR MY SUCCESS AS WELL AS YOUR  
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THOUGHTFULNESS IN EXPRESSING THEM SO WARMLY. BEST REGARDS,

GERALD FORD.

END QUOTE

2. DEPT DOES NOT INTEND RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO  
GKR DOING SO. KISSINGER

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